

I chose to subscribe to XM satellite radio after being a long time AM/FM radio listener. I appreciate XM's effort to provide a more comprehensive service including 24/7 traffic and weather on demand for not only the area I am currently in, but also various cities I may be traveling to. Petition DA 04-1096 submitted by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) is nothing more than an attempt to bolster their monopoly. It seems that if NAB cannot successfully bully their competition then they turn to political shenanigans. Satellite radio is the new technology that threatens this monopoly, and it seems that NAB is fearful of a new type of competition. In all honesty I can get traffic and weather from just about anywhere including ?The Weather Channel? if I want to wait through eight minutes of mind numbing commercials. I choose to pay for the equipment and a monthly subscription to avoid listening to those commercial spots that are the bread and butter of NAB. Those that do not choose to subscribe can continue to listen to services provided by NAB. But please consider the rights of those that do choose to subscribe to satellite radio and the services it provides.